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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the two paragraphs at page 3, lines 15-28 as follows:

The second compartment 14 is provided on the other side of the main body 20 and can run the entire length of the case 10, or as shown, can run a partial length of the case 20 with the remainder occupied by third compartment 16. The second compartment includes a lid 34 hinged to the main body with one or more hinges 36. One or more latches ~~37~~³⁶ can secure the lid 34 in the closed position. The second compartment 14 can be lined or unlined and can accommodate clothing 46 or other articles.

The third compartment 16 includes a lid 38 similarly hinged to the main body 20 with one or more hinges 40 and latched in the closed position with one or more latches 42. The third compartment can be sized as desired, but in one embodiment, is sized to accommodate a pair of bulky boots 44. The third compartment can be lined or unlined, but if lined, it is preferred to use a water resistant lining 50 that will not be damaged by wet or muddy boots and which can be easily cleaned. A wall 48 on main body 20 separates the second and third compartments and is preferably constructed and arranged to engage the counterpart portions of lids 34 and ~~38~~³⁶ in a sealing manner.

Please amend the two paragraphs at page 4, lines 4-16 as follows:

One or more of the latches on each of the lids is preferably of a locking type for security. The overall case can be sized and shaped as desired, as can each of the compartments. The depth of the compartments can also be altered, as it may be desirable to have a shallower first compartment 12 to accommodate the thinner guns and deeper second and third compartments to accommodate more or bulkier clothing, boots and other articles. See Fig. 3, reference numeral 52, which shows the shallower depth of compartment 1 as compared to compartments 2 and 3 (in phantom). If desired, one or more of the compartments can run the entire depth of

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the case for especially bulky objects. Each compartment can also be provided with movable partition walls for partitioning the compartment interior. The number of compartments, latches, and hinges can be altered as desired. The case can be made of metal, high impact plastic, fabric or other materials, although it is preferred that the case be tough to prevent unauthorized access to the guns and other contents. Some airline restrictions may require the case to be made of metal, although the interiors can be made of plastic, fabric or other materials. The case is preferably dimensioned so as to fall within airline restrictions for standard checked luggage.